

Electronic Visa Update System (EVUS) Fact Sheet

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- In November 2014, The Governments of the United States and China entered into an agreement on a reciprocal basis, to issue visitor and business travel visas (B1/B2, B1 and B2) with 10-year validity. That same agreement recognized that travelers would be required to periodically complete an online form updating their biographical information. This requirement is new, and is similar to requirements that 38 countries currently must follow before traveling to the United States. The U.S. Government expects that the EVUS program will apply to additional countries in the future.
- EVUS will be an online system used by People's Republic of China passport holders possessing a 10-year B1/B2, B1 or B2 (visitor) visas to periodically update basic biographic information in order to facilitate their travel to the United States. This system is still under development, but will be launched in November 2016.
- An information update is referred to as an enrollment. In addition to a valid visa, such travelers will be required to complete an EVUS enrollment to be admitted into the United States. Enrollments generally last for two years or when the traveler's visa or passport expires, whichever comes first. Chinese holders of 10-year B1/B2, B1 or B2 visas will need to update their information before they intend to travel to the United States (if a two-year enrollment has expired), or when they get a new passport.
- Each EVUS enrollment will require the traveler to provide his or her name, birth date, and passport information as well as other biographical and employment information. However, a friend, relative, travel industry professional, or another third party may submit the required information to EVUS on a traveler's behalf. A third party may also pay related fees on behalf of the traveler. The traveler is responsible for the truthfulness and accuracy of all information submitted on his or her behalf.
- **As of now, there is nothing Chinese travelers need to do.** Beginning in November 2016, all nationals of The People's Republic of China holding valid 10-year B1/B2, B1 or B2 visas must comply with EVUS requirements in order to enter the United States. Before November 2016, they may travel to the United States without any further action.
- Travelers holding People's Republic of China passports containing B1/B2, B1 and B2 10-year visas *do not need to obtain a new visa*. However, after November 2016, travelers will not be able to travel to the United States unless the traveler has also enrolled in EVUS. Travelers who have not complied with EVUS requirements may be delayed in their travel plans. Enrollment in EVUS is separate from the visa application process.
- Enrollment for all applicants will remain valid for two years or until the traveler's visa or passport expires, whichever comes first. The visa holders will then have to update their information before traveling to the United States again.
- Anyone traveling on a Peoples Republic of China passport with a 10-year B1/B2, B1 or B2 visa will be required to enroll in EVUS. Travelers using other travel documents, including Hong Kong SAR, Macau SAR, and Taiwan passports may continue to travel to the United States as they currently do.
- There will be a nominal fee to enroll with EVUS. The fee will be used to cover the cost of running the system. Fee information will be available before EVUS enrollment begins. The most up to date information will be found on www.cbp.gov/EVUS. Please monitor this website for the most current information.